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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Ervin Bill - S. 782

1. Mr. Maury and I met with John W. Dean, Associate Deputy Attorney General for Legislation; J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division; and Kevin T. Maroney, Chief, Appeals and Research Section, Internal Security Division, to discuss S. 782.

2. We told the Justice officials of our talks with Senator Ervin, our offer to testify in executive session, and his rebuff proposing an open hearing. We also gave what information we had as to the attitude of different members of the Congress, and briefed them on our contacts in the Executive Branch, particularly with Ken Belieu. They agreed that the bill was basically a bad one, and from our point of view the worst part was the access by employees or applicants to the Federal courts. Mr. Dean mentioned a memorandum he had seen from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Deputy Attorney General strongly criticizing the bill's predecessor, S. 1035, but mentioned that Mr. Wozencraft's subsequent testimony was somewhat watered down.

3. Mr. Dean said he would mention our briefing to Mr. Belieu when he sees him this evening.

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4. [] Met with Mr. Bun Bray, Manpower Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, and discussed the Ervin bill with him at some length. Mr. Bray advised that Chairman Henderson appears stronger than ever in his resolve that appropriate exemption must be provided in any legislation of this nature for the protection of the security agencies.

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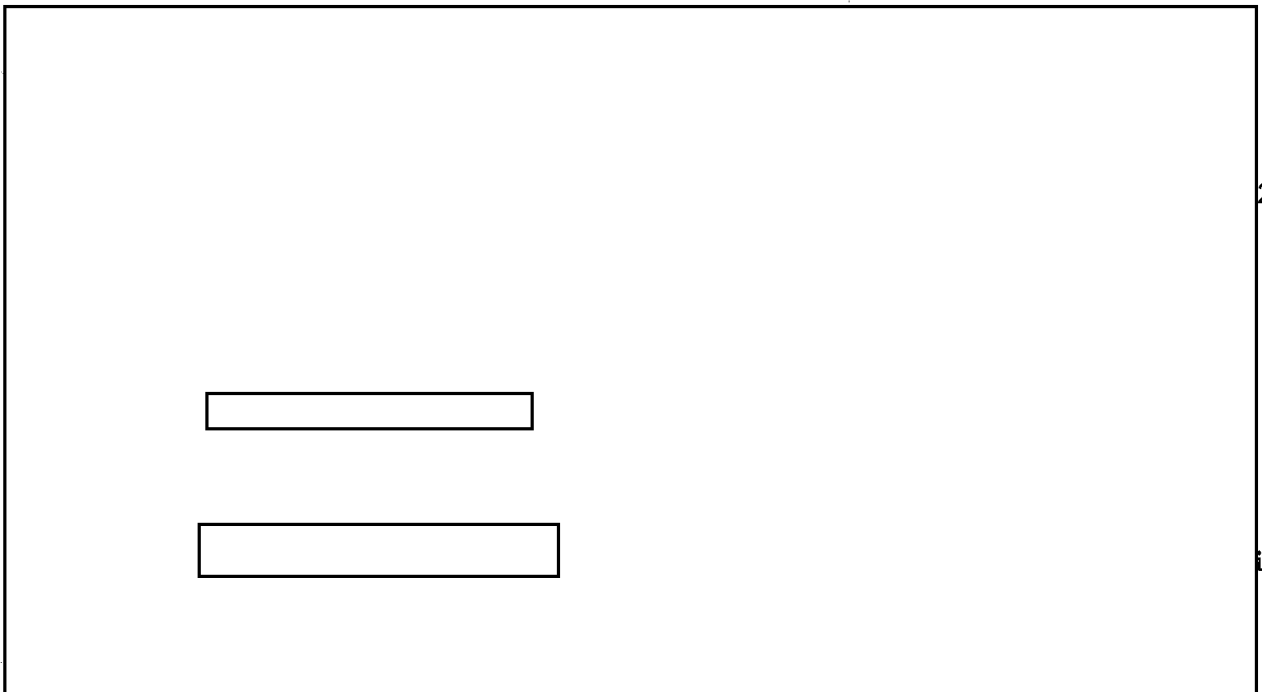
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9. [Redacted] Talked with Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, about Senator Ervin's responses to the Director's letter requesting an opportunity to appear before Ervin's Subcommittee in executive session to present the Agency's views on S. 782. Braswell repeated his feeling that the Director should now meet privately with Senator Ervin again, expressing in specific terms the Agency's objections to the bill and offering suggested language which would meet the Agency's needs. Braswell urged that we be absolutely certain that there is no way possible for the Agency to live with this bill with anything short of a full exemption. In this connection Braswell mentioned again that senators will not accept the fact that this is a serious Agency problem unless the Director is willing to express the Agency's position personally to them.

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12. [] Talked with William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, about Senator Ervin's response to the Director's letter to Senator Ervin on S. 782. Woodruff offered little encouragement, but said he thought it essential that the Director see Senator Ervin again this year in an attempt to reconcile our problems over the bill. If this fails (as he expects it will), he feels that the Director should then meet privately with Senator Russell and spell out to him the Agency's problems with this bill. Woodruff said that senators are most reluctant to interfere with the business of another senator in his committee capacity, but he recognized that our Subcommittee members should be forced to focus on Agency problems since they have asserted legislative oversight jurisdiction over CIA.

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25X1 13. [REDACTED] Accompanied Mr. Houston in meeting with Assistant Attorney General Walter J. Yeagley, Associate Deputy Attorney General for Legislation John W. Dean, and Mr. Kevin Maroney of Justice Department regarding the Ervin bill, S. 782. See Mr. Houston's Memo for the Record for details. 25X1

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